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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; creating s. 341.3026, F.S.; providing an exemption from the public records law for personal identifying information held by a public transit provider for the purpose of facilitating the purchase of prepaid fare cards; providing for future repeal and legislative review of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 341.3026, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

341.3026 Public record exemption.-

- (1) Personal identifying information held by a public transit provider, as defined in s. 341.031, for the purpose of prepaying transit fares or acquiring a prepaid transit fare card or similar device, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (2) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset

 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand

 repealed on October 2, 2015, unless reviewed and saved from

 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
- Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to exempt from public records requirements personal identifying information held by a public transit provider for the purpose of facilitating the prepayment of transit fares. The

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exemption puts individuals who prepay transit fares using a prepaid transit fare card on an equal footing with those who pay cash. Allowing individuals to use a prepaid transit fare card is a more efficient and effective system for collecting transit fares, and not only saves individuals time in accessing the transit system in comparison with individuals who pay cash, but also costs significantly less to administer. Finally, the effective and efficient administration of the prepayment option for public transit programs would be hindered without the exemption as individuals would be less inclined to use this payment method if their personal information were made available to the public.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.